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REMARKS


Claims 6-8, 11-16 and 20-23 are pending in the application, and have been finally rejected.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph

Claims 6-8, 11-16, 20- 23 stand rejected as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Applicants disagree with the Examiner's position for reasons already on record; however, in the interest of advancing prosecution of the instant application, Applicants submit herewith a declaration under 37 CFR 11.132 by Richard Mumford, one of the inventors of this application, in which the inhibition of VCAM binding to VLA-4 by compounds of the instant application is demonstrated. Having thus obviated the rejection, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the same and allow the application to proceed to issuance

In view of the amendments and remarks presented above Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance. An early favorable action is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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